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Election of a member to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 17th plenary meeting on 2016, held on 5 April, the Economic and Social Council elected seven members to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 (see Council decision 2016/201 D).

2. At the same meeting, the Council postponed the election of one member from Asia-Pacific States for a term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2019 (see Council decision 2016/204 D).

3. The Secretariat has since received one nomination from Asia-Pacific States. The term of office would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2019.

4. Biographical information on the candidate is set out in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on a candidate for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Ms. Zhang Xiaoan (China)

Born in Jiangsu Province of China, in November, 1953. Graduated from Zhejiang University, then from Graduate Institute of International Relations Studies in Geneva.

Work experience

2010.05–2014.01	Vice-President and Director-General of the United Nations Association of China
2005.02–2010.03	Counsellor, Chinese Embassy to Israel
2003.06–2005.02	Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Association of China
1999.03–2003.04	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the PRC to the United Nations
1996.05–1999.03	First Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
1992.05–1996.05	Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the PRC to the United Nations
1985.06–1992.05	Third Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conference, MFA (Studied in Graduate Institute of International Relations Studies in Geneva from 1988 to 1991)